

The statement of the Ambassador Alexander Laskaris following the indictment of Dadis Camara

The US Embassy in Conakry welcomes the indictment of former junta leader Moussa Dadis Camara for his alleged role in the stadium massacre. Minister of Justice Cheik Sako and his colleagues have taken an important step towards accountability for the murder and rape of Guinean citizens who were exercising their constitutional right to free assembly. This indictment shows a renewed commitment to ending the culture of impunity in Guinea.

When President Obama made his first visit to the African continent, he noted that it was time to replace the rule of strong men with that of strong institutions. The institutions of Guinea's judicial system have been weak for too long, but Guinea and her partners are working together to build the rule of law. Whether those laws come from the Napoleonic Code, the American Constitution, the Charter of Kurukan Fuga, or from our shared religious traditions, the principles remain the same: equal justice under the law and one law for the rich and poor and for the powerful and the powerless.